

School of Government

PUBL 416
Research Project in Public Policy
(15 Points)

Trimester Two 2009

COURSE OUTLINE

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Trimester Dates

Monday 13 July to Saturday 14 November 2009

Course Objectives

Having completed this course a student will be able to demonstrate the ability to carry out self-directed research, including the formulation of a research proposal, implementation of a research strategy, and the drafting of a research essay.

Course Delivery

No formal classes are associated with this course. This course is an independent research course.

Expected Workload

It is expected that students will devote no less than one quarter of a full-time workload over the course of a trimester to the completion of this Research Project. That should mean, on average, 10 hours per week over the 12 weeks of the trimester.

Supervision Arrangements

The course coordinator and individual students enrolled in this course will negotiate supervisory arrangements that meet the requirements of the course and the circumstances of individual students.

Assessment Requirements

There are two required pieces of work for this course. They are:

1. A research proposal (no more than 1000 words). This proposal will count for 30% of the final mark for this course.
2. A final research essay (no more than 7000 words). The final essay will count for 70% of the final mark for this course.

Due dates for the submission of the research proposal and the final research essay will be determined in consultation with the research supervisor.

Please submit ALL assignments IN HARD COPY to:

Honours Programme
School of Government
Victoria University of Wellington
Level 8 Reception
Rutherford House
23 Lambton Quay
P.O. Box 600
Wellington.

Assignments may also be placed in the secure box at School of Government reception (8th floor Rutherford House) during the office hours, which are 8.30 am – 5.00 pm. The assignment box is cleared daily, and assignments will be date stamped.

Students should keep a copy of all submitted work.

Note: Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and audit purposes. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of FCA programmes. All

material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

Other Information

For the following important information follow the links provided:

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

General University Policies and Statutes

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy/academic.aspx>

Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fca/studenthelp/Contactus.aspx>

Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/mentoring/